

Our Savior Lutheran Church

15 March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

Worship: 10.00am



Service of the Word and Sacrament

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THE GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP - Ps. 23rd - A Psalm of David

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

***He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.***

Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,
I will fear no evil:

For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

I will [*surely*] dwell in the House of the LORD for ever.

HYMN

"Because He Lives"

#Insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and Everlasting God, You call us into covenant with You, and promise to be our God. Yet we confess that we do not always trust Your promises. Like Abraham, we want assurance - but unlike him, we resist obedience. You call us to walk before You in faithfulness, yet we wander toward what is comfortable and safe. We cling to our own plans instead of trusting Your future. We rely on our strength instead of resting in Your Grace. Forgive us, O Lord. Renew Your covenant within our hearts. Give us Faith to follow where You lead, through Jesus Christ, who was faithful even to the Cross. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gloria patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the Beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end! AMEN AMEN

Holy Scripture

RESPONSIVE READING - Ephesians 5.8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.

Walk as Children of light

The fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them.

For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;

But everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

Everything that becomes visible is Light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

READING THE OLD TESTAMENT - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for Myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me" and the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for Me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice" and he sanctified Jesse and

his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD" but the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by and he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" and [Jesse] said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep" and Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." [Jesse] sent and brought him in. Now [the youngest son - who was named David] was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed [David] in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 5.1-12 {The Message}

When Jesus saw His ministry drawing huge crowds, He climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to Him, the committed, climbed with Him. Arriving at a quiet place, He sat down and taught His climbing companions. This is what [Jesus] said:

*"You're **blessed** when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and His rule."*

*"You're **blessed** when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you."*

*"You're **blessed** when you're content with just who you are - no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of*

everything that can't be bought."

*"You're **blessed** when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat."*

*"You're **blessed** when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for."*

*"You're **blessed** when you get your inside world, your mind and heart, put right. Then you can see God in the outside world."*

*"You're **blessed** when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family."*

*"You're **blessed** when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's Kingdom."*

"Not only that count - yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit Me. What it means is that the Truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens {give a cheer, even!} for though they don't like it, I do! And all Heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"The .45 Caliber Colt is **NOT** the Peacemaker"* Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. In ourselves we are not righteous; we cannot justify our own hearts nor earn favor before God. We believe that God, in His mercy, sent His Son, Jesus

Christ, true God and true Man, to fulfill all righteousness in our place. We confess that by His perfect obedience, His atoning death upon the Cross, and His glorious Resurrection, Christ accomplished our Salvation. We believe that we are justified by Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ alone. God forgives our sins and counts us righteous in His sight not because of works we have done, but because of the righteousness of Christ credited to us. We believe that this Faith is itself God's gift, worked in us by the Holy Spirit through the Word and the Sacraments. Freed from condemnation, we now live by this Faith, bearing the fruits of repentance and love, not to earn Salvation - which is impossible - but in grateful obedience. Our righteousness is in and through Jesus Christ alone. To Him be the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!

Praise Him all Creatures, here - below!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen

The Eucharist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise...

Let us raise to Him in great joy and love singing:

Let us praise Him! Let us praise Him!
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Weekly Activities

Wednesdays
 Sundays [approx. 11.15am]
 Sunday, 29 March
 Tuesday, 31 March

Office Hours, 10.00am - 2.00pm
 Bible Study - **After Service**
 Palm Sunday, PotLuck following Service
 Soup/Sandwich "Jesus Loves Me"
Also need, chips, snack, drinks for 35
{may be brought in any Sunday}

Thursday, 02 April
 Saturday, 04 April
 Sunday, 05 April

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm
 Ladies Lunch {TBD}, 1.00pm
RESURRECTION DAY!!!

Pastor Larry is ALWAYS available by appointment...
941-763-9975 Pastor Larry Cell

CHURCH COUNCIL

[meets every 2nd Sunday]

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Council Members

Dot Smith
 Jeanne Keyser
 Dean Carson
 Andrea Yerger
 Bob Burchard; Bubbles Burress
 Ellie Selk; Pat Spence;
 Fran Thibideau

SERVING TODAY

Reader
Offering
Communion
Greeter for March

Dean Carson
 Bob Burchard
 Bubbles Burress, Andrea Yerger
 Fran Thibideau

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. AMEN.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION, COMMUNION, PRAYER

HYMN "Amazing Grace" #281

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;
 With God as our Father, Brothers all are we;
 Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!
 Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
 With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
 To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally;
 Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!*

REMINDER:

For "Jesus Loves You Ministry":

All of March we will be collecting **DEODORANT** [and] **anything**